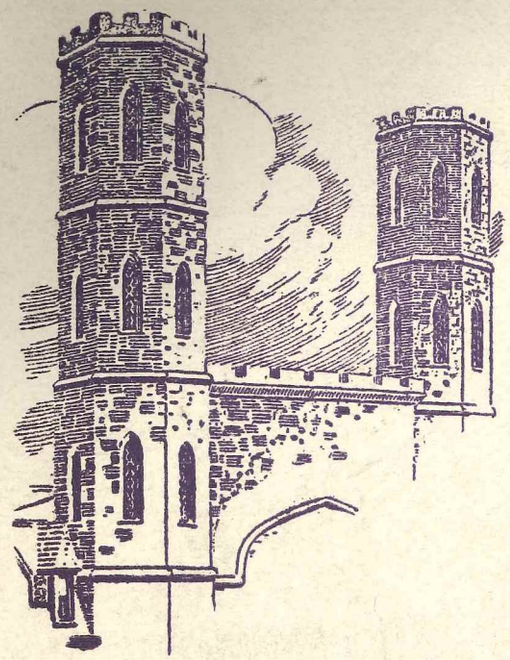

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THE first meeting in reference to the foundation of this parish was held on the 17th of April, 1822, in the building which had been erected for St. Thomas' Methodist Episcopal Church on the lot now occupied by St. Stephen's. This first building stood back from the street, and was much smaller than the edifice that superseded it. Bishop White was Chairman, and Joseph R. Ingersoll, Secretary. It was determined to form a congregation and buy the building, and Edward Shippen Burd, Charles N. Bancker and Joseph R. Ingersoll were appointed the committee for the purchase. Another committee was also appointed to obtain contributions and pew-renters. Its members were Samuel Hazlehurst, E. S. Burd, Robert E. Griffith, J. R. Ingersoll, John Goddard, Richard Dale, T. Barton Zantzinger, John C. Montgomery, Clement C. Biddle, Thomas J. Wharton, James J. Skerrett.

The corner-stone of the new church was laid by Bishop White on May 30th, 1822, William Strickland being the architect. A portion of the old building in the rear was used, but it was substantially a new edifice that was erected. The consecration took place on February 27, 1823, Bishop White officiating. Bishop Hobart of New York preached the sermon. On March 5th the Rev. James Montgomery was put in charge of the congregation. The parish was received into union with the Convention on May 14, 1823.

The first meeting of the Vestry of the fully organized parish was held June 1st, 1823. Present, Messrs. J. R. Ingersoll, Samuel Hazlehurst, Robert E. Griffith, T. B. Zantzinger, Levi Ellenaker, J. S. Skerrett, John Swift, H. J. Lewis, T. J. Wharton, E. S. Burd, Dr. Chapman and Edmund Willcox. After organizing by electing J. R. Ingersoll and Samuel Hazlehurst wardens, the

vestry elected Mr. Montgomery rector. By purchasing and tearing down a store on the lot adjacent to the church on the north, an undesirable structure was removed and a graveyard secured. The parish immediately became one of the most prominent in the city.

The following is the list of the Rectors with their dates:

Rev. James Montgomery, D.D., 1823-1834.
Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D.D., 1834-1865.
Rev. William Rudder, D. D., 1865-1880.
Rev. Samuel D. McConnell, D.D., 1882-1896.
Rev. Elwood Worcester, Ph.D., 1896-1904.
Rev. Beverly Warner, D.D., February 15 to March 31, 1905.
Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., October 1, 1905——

RECTOR'S WARDENS

Joseph R. Ingersoll
Robert E. Griffith
Charles N. Bancker
Tobias Wagner
George W. Richards
Edward Shippen
Lewis Rodman
L. Ramsay Krumbhaar
William H. Frailey
Crawford Arnold
Beauveau Borie
Roland S. Morris
Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr.
Roland S. Morris

ACCOUNTING WARDENS

Samuel Hazlehurst
W. J. Bell
William Kirkham
Thomas Neilson
Ludovic C. Cleeman
Craig Atmore
J. Hunter Ewing
Charles S. Calwell

SECRETARIES OF THE VESTRY

Edmund Wilcox
Alexander Dallas Bache
George W. Richards
Edward Shippen
L. C. Cleeman
Murray Rush
Wm. H. Frailey
Edward Rowland
Clayton Fotterall McMichael
J. Hunter Ewing
William H. Hansell
Charles S. Calwell
I. Smith Raspin

The two families that have been the pre-eminent benefactors of the parish are the Burds and the Magees. To Col. Edward Shippen Burd and his widow, Mrs. Eliza Howard Burd, the church is indebted for the beautiful memorial monument, the Angel of the Resurrection, the recumbent effigy of Col. Burd, the baptismal font and a generous bequest. The greatest of Mrs. Burd's gifts was the erection and endowment of the Burd School for fatherless girls, under the charge of the Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen's.

To the Magee family the church owes the mosaic over the altar, the Magee Memorial windows, the Eliza J. Magee Memorial Organ, and many generous gifts and bequests to the endowment fund.

The last survivor of this family of benefactors is Miss Anna J. Magee, who has almost remade the edifice in her generous loyalty. Beginning in 1917 with the presentation, in memory of her sister, Miss Fanny S. Magee, of a new chancel, reredos and chancel furniture, after designs of Louis C. Tiffany, she reconstructed, redecorated and refitted the entire interior with the aid of the same artist, in 1918. Since that date she has extended her care to the exterior of the church, and after giving the large front windows, and covering the church with a new roof, has this winter put the exterior in the best possible condition for this anniversary, and extending her care beyond the church to the new rectory, has contributed $10,000 towards the expense of its alteration and equipment. This centennial anniversary finds the church through her gifts "adorned and beautified," both within and without.

With such an equipment the congregation is prepared to face with courage the task of erecting upon the site of the burnt Sunday School building a Parish Building that will also be a Community House for the neighborhood.

The following is a statement of the repairs on the church which are to-day formally presented to the congregation by Miss Magee:

After cutting off the plaster and removing the iron fire escape, the whole south wall has been covered with durable concrete. The stone of the entire front has been chiseled and repointed. The upper windows of the towers have been covered with copper louvers, and the lower windows, seven in all, filled with a new stained glass from the D'Ascenzo Studios. The whole exterior of the building has been replastered where needed, repainted and the woodwork repaired. The pavement around the church has been reset in front and on the north and south sides replaced by cement. The handsome new front doors should be specially mentioned. New granite steps have also been laid.

The new lights that illumine at night the windows in the reredos are the gift of Mrs. H. H. Barton, in replacement of the lights given by her husband, for the same purpose, which were destroyed in our recent fire.

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Rev. Carl Eckhardt Grammer, S.T.D., *Rector*
Rev. Albert Stork, B.A., *Assistant.*

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Vestry

Hon. Roland S. Morris, *Rector's Warden.*
Mr. Charles S. Calwell, *Accounting Warden.*

Judge Charles L. McKeehan
Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr.
Dean Emory R. Johnson
Mr. Craig Atmore
Dr. Herbert Old
Mr. Howard Reifsnyder
Mr. I. Smith Raspin
Mr. M. Brantley Ellis
Mr. Wm. H. Hollar, Jr.

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Parish Visitor

Miss Kate H. Lewis

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Verger

Mr. James Carrigan

Choir

Organist and Choirmaster
JAMES RAYMOND DUANE

Sopranos

HELEN FRAME HEATEN (solo)
MRS. R. A. MURRAY
ELEANOR LOEBEN
CARRIE JANE HARDT
BEATRICE PURRINGTON
MARY BAYLIE

Contraltos

MARGUERITE CROWELL BARR (solo)
GLADYS JUDGE
VIOLET ORDISH
DOROTHY EDELL

Tenors

WALTER J. ANDERSON (solo)
ROBERT MACNEILL
JAMES CULLEY
ROBERT ROBERTS

Basses

HAROLD SIMONDS (solo)
REX CRAWFORD
LEON PARMET
JOSEPH CLAIR

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The following singers will assist the choir at this service:

Sopranos: ELIZABETH PORTER EARLE, FLORENCE HALL QUIMBY
Contraltos: MRS. RUSSELL KING MILLER, LILLIE HOLMSTRAND FRAZER
Tenors: CHARLES STAHL, CLARENCE WILSON
Bassos: PAUL ENGLE, WILLIAM BARR

Harpist: DOROTHY JOHNSTONE BASELER
Violinist: JOHN K. WITZEMANN
Cellist: BERTRAND AUSTIN

Order of Service

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PRELUDE. Organ, Violin, Cello, Harp

Nocturne . . . . . *Liszt*
Prière . . . . . *Franck*

PROCESSIONAL . . . . . *Selden Miller*

Tune: "Come, My Soul, Thou Must Be Waking"

Christian soul, the times are calling,
Altars falling,
Men's hearts failing them for fear;
Unto thee their eyes are turning,
Spirits yearning
For the word of faith and cheer.

Christian soul! great deeds await thee,
Consecrate thee,
To the task that nearest lies;
Question not that God will use thee,
Nor refuse thee
Blessing on thy sacrifice.

Walk thou not as one benighted,
Nor affrighted;
Where the foolish see no God,
Thine to glimpse the fiery column,
Thine the solemn
Comfort of His staff and rod!

—*Louise Betts Edwards.*

OPENING SENTENCES.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

Holy! Holy! Holy! is the Lord of Hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory.

PSALTER.

Psalm 90. Domine, Refugium.

1. Lord, thou hast been our refuge; from one generation to another.
2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made; thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
3. Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
4. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.
5. As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass.
6. In the morning, it is green, and groweth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
7. For we consume away in thy displeasure: and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
8. Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
9. For when thou art angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
10. The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years: yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.
11. But who regardeth the power of thy wrath: for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.
12. O teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
13. Turn us again, O Lord, at the last: and be gracious unto thy servants.
14. O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15. Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us: and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.
16. Show thy servants thy work: and their children thy glory.
17. And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us: O prosper thou our handy-work.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Psalm 24. Domini est terra.

1. The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
2. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods.
3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place?
4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.
5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6. This is the generation of them that seek him; even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
8. Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
10. Who is the King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

CHORALE. "Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light" *Bach*

Break forth, O beauteous, heavenly light,
And usher in the morning;
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright,
But hear the angels' warning.

This child, now weak in infancy,
Our confidence and joy shall be;
The power of Satan breaking,
Our peace eternal making.

LESSON. I Kings VIII, 22-33.

ANTHEM. "Hymn of Praise . . . . *Mendelssohn*

All men, all things, all that has life and breath, sing to the Lord, Hallelujah. All that has life and breath, sing to the Lord.
Praise the Lord with lute and harp, in joyful song extol Him, and let all flesh magnify His might and His glory.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

VERSICLES.

The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
R. And grant us thy salvation.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

COLLECTS.

Grant, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr, Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standeth at the right hand of God, to succour all those who suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know thy Son, Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth and the life: that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to Eternal life: through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast built thy church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made one holy temple, acceptable unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O, Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ, our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and ever living God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the many tokens of thy goodness to this favored church. Fire has come nigh us, but it has not destroyed this house of worship. Our surroundings have changed, but wide avenues of usefulness have been kept open for us, and after a century of service our church abides in strength and usefulness. Especially do we thank thee, this evening, for the generous loyalty that has inspired thy servant so to adorn and equip this ancient church. May the blessedness of the giver be hers in rich measure. And may we who are so highly favored have the wisdom, zeal and consecration to make this Church a source of light and leading, of righteous living and helpful teaching to this great city. We offer these petitions as the followers of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

HYMN. "Sursum Corda"

Lord, we love Thy habitation,
And our hearts rise to Thee
In this place of consecration,
As the tides seek the sea.
What a mighty congregation,
What a psalmody sublime,
Should our ancient church assemble,
All it blessed within their time.

In this shrine of sacred beauty
Where we kneel, thousands knelt.
Faith and service, love and duty,
In their breasts burning dwelt.
As we reap the hallowed harvest,
Of their travail and their tears,
God of sons, as well as fathers,
May we sow for future years.

With a city's turmoil seething,
'Round its walls grave and gray.
Let us keep it living, breathing,
We must watch, we must pray.
To futurity bequeathing
Truths eternal, newly read,
And an house of holy worship,
Where the hungry soul is fed.

As we have received, O Master,
May we give, freely give.
For a service fuller, vaster,
Nobly toil, nobly live.
Let our box of alabaster
Shed its fragrance far abroad.
Make us worthy of the keeping
Of the courts of our Lord.

—*Louise Betts Edwards.*

(For music see last page.)

THE PRESENTATION.

DEDICATORY ANTHEM. "Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge" . . . . . *Duane*

(Composed for the one hundredth anniversary of St. Stephen's Church, and dedicated to Miss Anna J. Magee.)

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge, from generation to generation. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the world was made: Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end. Show thy servants Thy work; and their children Thy glory. And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us.

ADDRESS. Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D.,
Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.

ANTHEM. "Gloria in Excelsis" . . . . *Gounod*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY. Violin, Cello, Harp and Organ.
"Extase" . . . . . *Duane*

ANTHEM. "Trust in the Lord" . . . . *Haendel*

Trust in the Lord,
His name we ever bless,
In grief and happiness,
With one accord.
He orders all our ways,
To Him ascend our lays,
In praise and prayer.
Until our journey's end,
O Lord, our souls defend
With watchful care.

PRAYER.

BENEDICTION.

RECESSIONAL. "Saviour, When Night Involves the Skies"
Selden Miller

Saviour, when night involves the skies,
My soul, adoring, turns to thee;
Thee, self-abased in mortal guise,
And wrapt in shades of death for me.

On thee my waking raptures dwell
When crimson gleams the east adorn,
Thee, victor of the grave and hell,
Thee, source of life's eternal morn.

When noon her throne in light arrays,
To thee my soul triumphant springs;
Thee, throned in glory's endless blaze,
Thee, Lord of lords, and King of kings.

O'er earth, when shades of evening steal,
To death and thee my thoughts I give;
To death, whose power I soon must feel,
To thee, with whom I trust to live.

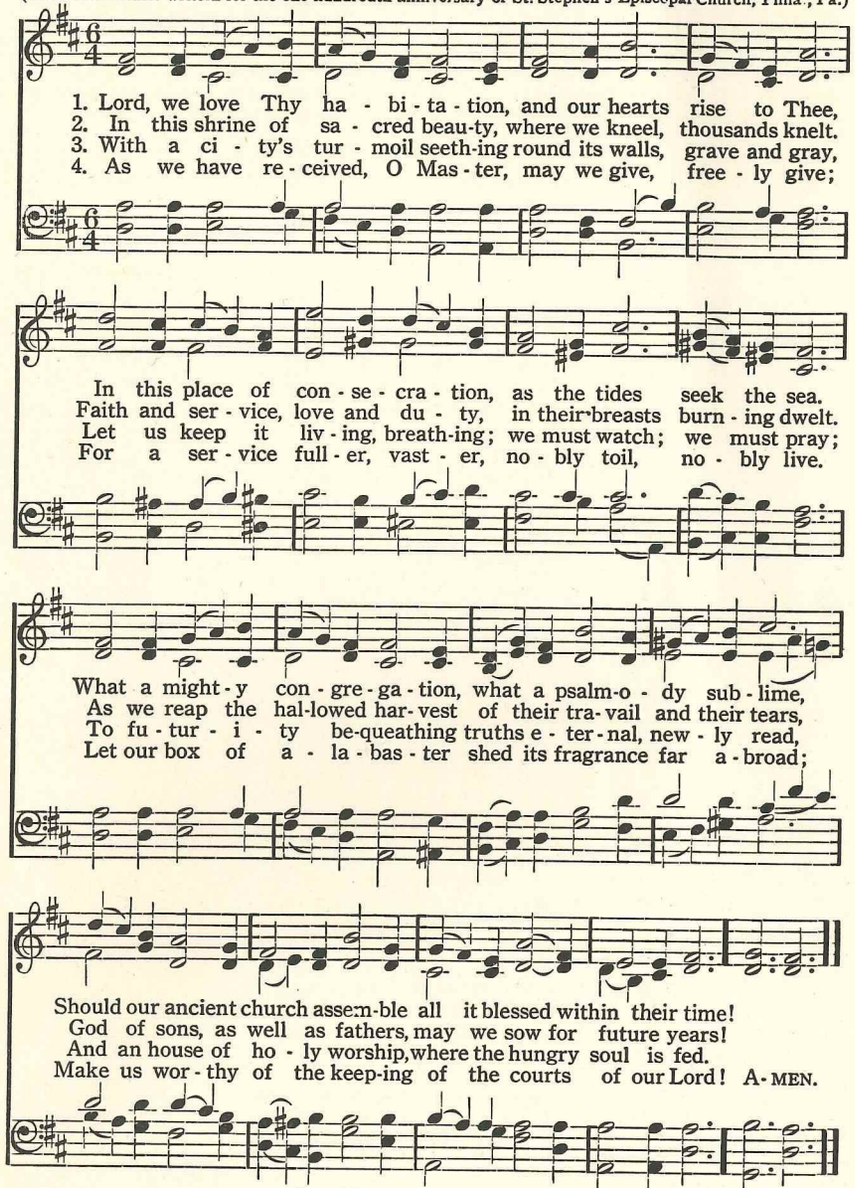
—*T. Gisborne.*

POSTLUDE. "Triumphal March" . . . . *Dubois*

SURSUM CORDA

Louise Betts Edwards — James Raymond Duane

(Words and music written for the one-hundredth anniversary of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Phila., Pa.)



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